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BONN FOR SONNENFELDT & HARTMAN

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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH GERMANS ON KISSINGER'S MOSCOW
VISIT

1. EUR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE TODAY BRIEFED
GERMAN EMBASSY MINISTER CARL LAHUSEN ON SECRETARY'S CURRENT
VISIT TO MOSCOW FOR TALKS WITH SOVIET LEADERS. AFTER
NOTING SALT WAS PRINCIPAL ISSUE ON WHICH WE HOPE TO WORK
OUT PRINCIPLES FOR FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS, ARMITAGE DISCUSSED
BRIEFLY OTHER BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL ISSUES THAT WOULD
PROBABLY COME UP FOR DISCUSSION IN MOSCOW. LAHUSEN SEEMED
ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN ARMITAGE'S DISCUSSION OF OUR
HOPES OF GETTING SOVIETS TO BE MORE INFORMATIVE AND
COOPERATIVE IN SOLUTION OF WORLD FOOD AND ENERGY PROBLEMS.
IN RESPONSE TO QUERY ABOUT AN EARLY MEETING BETWEEN
PRESIDENT FORD AND BREZHNEV, ARMITAGE SAID PRESIDENT'S
OCTOBER 9 PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT LEFT DOOR OPEN FOR A
MEETING BUT WE HAD NOTHING RE FIRM PLANS.

2. LAHUSEN EXPRESSED SPECIAL APPRECIATION FOR FACT THAT
SONNENFELDT AND HARTMAN WERE GOING TO BONN IMMEDIATELY
UPON CONCLUSION SECRETARY'S MOSCOW VISIT TO BRIEF WEST
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GERMANS ON ITS OUTCOME. HE ASSERTED THIS WOULD BE MOST

HELPFUL TO CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT, WHO WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY
OFF TO MOSCOW HIMSELF. INGERSOLL

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